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Three Suspicious Incidents Involving Possible or Attempted Luring Reported; May Involve the Same Suspect

The Bremerton Police Department received three separate reports of possible luring or inappropriate contact over the last three weeks. The suspect and vehicle in all three are not identical, but relatively similar, and the behavior in all three is also similar enough that they may involve the same suspect. We are providing information so that people may be aware and take extra caution, and also to ask for any information so the suspect may be identified.

The first reported incident was on March 30\textsuperscript{th} at 7:45 pm on Kitsap Way near Oyster Bay. A 19 year old female was walking when she was approached by a man who asked if she wanted a ride. After she refused, he circled back repeatedly and kept asking for several blocks, until he pulled into a parking lot near 6\textsuperscript{th} Street and Chester and waved her toward the door of the truck. She said he got into the truck again after she again refused, and she believes he pulled his pants down. The truck is described as a white full sized pickup with no topper, possibly older. The man was described as a white male, around 6 feet tall, approximately 30 years old, with tattoos on both arms, a black baseball cap, blue jeans and a short haircut, with possible blond or light colored hair.

The second incident occurred on April 5\textsuperscript{th} at about 9:00 pm. A 15 year old female was walking on Callow Avenue near the 1100 block when a man in a truck approached and asked for directions to a store, then he U-turned and asked her inappropriate sexually-oriented questions. She rebuked him and walked on, and went to a nearby friend’s house until she no longer saw the truck. There was no attempt to lure her, and the suspect did not get out of the truck. The truck was described as a white full-sized Dodge truck with a crew cab, with bars in front of the headlights. The man was described as a white male with a light complexion, dark short hair, early 30’s with a white t-shirt and black framed glasses.

The third incident occurred April 17\textsuperscript{th} at 10:00 pm on Callow Avenue near Burwell. A 23 year old female was walking on the street when a man in a truck pulled over and offered her a ride. He continued to ask after she declined. His behavior concerned her and she left the area. The truck was described as a white late 90’s or early 2000’s Ford pickup with no topper, with possibly an out of state license plate. The man was described as a white male, 30 to 40 years old, about 6 feet tall.

Anyone with information about the possible suspect is asked to call Bremerton P.D. at 360-473-5220.

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